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Sector Upper Mississippi River

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Sector Commander's Corner

I want to take this and every opportunity possible to emphasize safety. Safety must be our first priority, both on and off duty. I charge everyone to read the CGC Healey investigation report if you have not already done so. Safety is everyone's responsibility, and one that we must take seriously. An important factor in preventing accidents is situational awareness and making appropriate adjustments. As an example, recent cold temperatures and icy conditions make driving more hazardous, so even more caution driving is necessary to prevent accidents. Just as in this example, we all need to apply this thought process to every aspect of our professional and personal lives. Our people are the Coast Guard's greatest asset, and we need to do everything possible to ensure their safety. On a lighter note, I am very pleased with the progress we are making in becoming a Sector. While we still face many challenges, I have observed us make great strides. Recent distinguished guests visiting our unit, including VADM Papp (CG Chief of Staff) and RADM Hewitt (CG-6) were particularly impressed.

Finally, congratulations to all our awardees and personnel earning their qualifications!
BZ Sector UMR!

2007 Coast Guard Foundation Scholarship

The Coast Guard Foundation Scholarship Program is soliciting applications for the 2007-2008 academic school year. Applicants may apply for the following scholarships: The Arnold Sobel Endowment Fund, The Coast Guard Foundation Scholarship Fund, and The Captain Ernest W. Fox Perpetual Scholarship Program. Major considerations for the selection of awardees include scholastic promise, motivation, moral character, leadership qualities, and good citizenship. For more information, please see ALCOAST 009/07.

Uniform Board Results

ALCOAST 011/07 reports the results from Uniform Board No. 41. It also implements changes to the uniform regulations which will remain in effect until incorporated into the next change of the Uniform Manual, which is currently under revision. See ALCOAST 011/07 for more details.

2007 FAPAC Award Solicitation

Nominations are being solicited for the Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC) Military Meritorious Service and Civilian Outstanding Achievements awards. The deadline for submissions is March 16th. For more information, see ALCOAST 007/07.

2007 IMAGE Award Solicitation

Image is committed to improving opportunities for Hispanic Americans in the areas of employment, education, and civil rights. Each year, IMAGE honors the Coast Guard and the other Armed Forces during a salute

to Hispanics in the Military awards banquet held during the annual training conference. The 2007 National Training Conference and Exposition will be held in Reno, Nevada on 15-21 APR 2007. Deadline for submissions of the application package is March 16th. See ALCOAST 008/07 for details.

2007 Coast Guard Spring Gala

The 2007 Coast Guard Spring Gala will be held in Suffolk, VA on Saturday, 21 April 2007. This event is open to all active duty, reserve, retirees, auxiliary, and civilian employees. The spring gala will be a festive and formal event with military tradition, a fine dinner, and hours of dancing. This years gala is to celebrate the great work of every Coastie, and thus themed "Ordinary people...doing extraordinary things." The Commandant has been invited as this years guest of honor. For more information on the event, please see ALLCOGARD LANT message 021435Z FEB 07.

From the Safety Manager

MSTC Asbach is asking for donations of clothes hangers to aid in the organization of safety gear. Donations may be made at any time, simply by dropping them by MSTC's desk.

From the Morale Committee

The Morale Logo and Motto contest continues, but will be ending on February 2nd. For more details, please see CWO Karnuth.

Upcoming Events

8 February: Morale Breakfast (Stay Healthy)
14 February: Valentines Day
19 February: President's Day Holiday

Pictures from around the Sector



Picture 1: LTJG Barger and YN2 Bender (ISC) received the 2006 Navy League Award of Excellence.



Picture 2: Another wonderful morale breakfast! This month, be looking forward to a "healthy" breakfast.



Picture 3: LTJG Barger certifies that the barge is sinking.



Picture 4: MST3 Miller as well as several others received Good Conduct Medals at this months All-hands gathering.